

HO-1049

4151 College Avenue
Private

DESCRIPTION:

The house at 4151 College Avenue is a 1 ½-story, three-bay by two-bay frame Dutch Colonial/bungalow hybrid with a rock-faced concrete block foundation, wood shingles that were covered with asbestos shingles until recently, and a fake gambrel roof with asphalt shingles and a northeast-southwest ridge. The fake gambrel added to the sides of the house makes the upper story appear to be shed-roofed dormers on the front and back. It is constructed with a balloon frame of 2 by 4s with wire nails and has drywall on the interior. The southeast elevation has a three-bay, one-story porch and a door set south of center. The interior was not accessible because of fire damage and holes cut into the floor. It has a hall-parlor, double-pile plan with plain mitered trim. There is an open stair on the southwest wall of the east room. The stable is located about 500 feet northwest of the house and is a one-story, one-bay by one-bay frame structure with board and batten siding. The gambrel roof has a northeast-southwest ridge and inverted-v-seam metal. The interior has an aisle to the northwest and stalls to the southeast. It is constructed of circular-sawn 2 by 4s that are wire-nailed, with some logs used as posts.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The house at 4151 College Avenue is typical of the national suburban house types that overtook traditional building by the late nineteenth century in Howard County. The house uses fake gambrel roof profiles added to the sides of the upper story to create the appearance of a 1 ½-story Dutch Colonial with shed-roofed dormers. This house type was very popular in Howard County in the 1920s and '30s, though could be seen occasionally earlier and later. The tax assessment records state that the house was built in 1899, which is almost certainly inaccurate. The house is built on rock-faced concrete blocks, which are rarely found before the 1910s and are more common later. The same can be said of the drywall on the interior, though this could represent a later alteration; it was not possible to examine this feature closely. The stair details, however, are more typical of the teens than the twenties. While they could date as early as 1899, it seems more likely that they are a conservative holdover. The stable was probably also built at the same time as the house. The house was severely damaged in a fire. Both buildings are slated to be demolished in 2011 for part of the Autumn River development.

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Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-1049

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other

2. Location

street and number 4151 College Avenue

not for publication

city, town Ellicott City

☒ vicinity

county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Autumn River Corp.

street and number 4100 College Ave.

telephone

city, town Ellicott City

state MD

zip code 21043

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse

liber 3883 folio 735

city, town Ellicott City

tax map 25

tax parcel 279

tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	2
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	2
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	0
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	0
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SUMMARY:

The house at 4151 College Avenue is a 1 1/2-story, three-bay by two-bay frame Dutch Colonial/bungalow hybrid with a rock-faced concrete block foundation, wood shingles that were covered with asbestos shingles until recently, and a fake gambrel roof with asphalt shingles and a northeast-southwest ridge. The fake gambrel added to the sides of the house makes the upper story appear to be shed-roofed dormers on the front and back. It is constructed with a balloon frame of 2 by 4s with wire nails and has drywall on the interior. The southeast elevation has a three-bay, one-story porch and a door set south of center. The interior was not accessible because of fire damage and holes cut into the floor. It has a hall-parlor, double-pile plan with plain mitered trim. There is an open stair on the southwest wall of the east room. The stable is located about 500 feet northwest of the house and is a one-story, one-bay by one-bay frame structure with board and batten siding. The gambrel roof has a northeast-southwest ridge and inverted-v-seam metal. The interior has an aisle to the northwest and stalls to the southeast. It is constructed of circular-sawn 2 by 4s that are wire-nailed, with some logs used as posts.

DESCRIPTION:

The house at 4151 College Avenue is located about 3/4 of a mile southeast of Ellicott City in northeastern Howard County, Maryland. The house is on the northeast side of the road, near the road, and faces southeast toward a gravel drive that leads back to other parcels. There is also a stable on the property, to the northwest of the house across a rolling field.

House

The house is a 1 1/2-story, three-bay by two-bay frame Dutch Colonial/bungalow hybrid with a rock-faced concrete block foundation, wood shingles that were covered with asbestos shingles until recently, and a fake gambrel roof with asphalt shingles and a northeast-southwest ridge. The fake gambrel added to the sides of the house makes the upper story appear to be shed-roofed dormers on the front and back. There are holes cut into the roof on both sides. It is constructed with a balloon frame of 2 by 4s with wire nails and has diagonal sheathing below the shingles and drywall on the interior.

The southeast elevation has a raised basement with a five-lying panel door, and there are steps down to it on the southwest side of the porch. The first story has a wood six-over-six sash in both end bays, with head-cut trim, and these are typical for the house. There is a door set south of center that has four lights over three lying panels. There is a three-bay, one-story porch set on rock-faced concrete block piers, and it has a tongue-and-grooved wood deck, new metal posts, and a bead-board soffit. The second story has a six-over-six sash in the end bays that have been broken out. There is an interior parged chimney in the center, set northwest of the ridge. There are wide boxed eaves.

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The northeast elevation has two typical six-over-six sash on the first story. There is a shed-roofed porch on the northwest that is enclosed at the northeast end and has a six-light casement. The "gambrel" end has two six-over-six sash that are broken out.

The northwest elevation, on the first story, has a typical six-over-six sash in the enclosed porch of the north bay. The center bay has a door with three lying lights over three lying panels, and the west bay has a typical six-over-six sash. The second story is missing its sash from the north bay. The center bay has a modern sash above plywood infill, and the west bay has a typical six-over-six sash.

The southwest elevation has two typical six-over-six sash on both the first and second stories. There are holes cut into the wall of the second story.

The interior was not accessible because of fire damage and holes cut into the floor. It has a hall-parlor, double-pile plan with plain mitered trim. There is an open stair on the southwest wall of the east room, with a paneled newel post that is typical of the 1910s. There are square balusters and a closed stringer, and these details appear to be a little heavier than what is typically found in the 1920s.

Stable

The stable is located about 500 feet northwest of the house and over the ridge from it, and is set about 150 feet southeast of the road, on the northwest side of a small stream or spring. The ground slopes up to the northwest, southeast, and southwest around the stable. The building is a one-story, one-bay by one-bay frame structure with the foundation hidden and board and batten siding. The gambrel roof has a northeast-southwest ridge and inverted-v-seam metal. The southwest elevation is completely overgrown with vines. The southeast elevation has a shed-roofed addition, and the original wall of the stable has been in-filled with scrap material. The northeast elevation has a plywood door set north of center. The northwest elevation has one window cut in, to the north of center, with one large light. The building is racking to the northwest. The interior has a center summer beam that runs northeast-southwest, with an aisle to the northwest and stalls to the southeast. It is constructed of circular-sawn 2 by 4s that are wire-nailed, with some logs used as posts. The rafters are lapped and nailed to the sides of the joists, without either being cut.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates N/A

Architect/Builder N/A

Construction dates c. 1910-1930

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 2 A
Acreage of historical setting 47.096 A
Quadrangle name Ellicott City

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries for the house consist of the road on the southwest, the drive on the southeast, a line that parallels the road and is 100 feet northeast of it, and a line that parallels the drive and is 100 feet northwest of it. The boundaries for the stable consist of the road on the southwest, the stream on the southeast, the tree line on the northwest, and a line that parallels the road and is 150 feet northeast of it.

11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600



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4151 College Avenue
Ellicott City quad

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4151 College Avenue
Howard County, Maryland
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

HO-1049_2011-07-20_01
Southeast elevation

HO-1049_2011-07-20_02
Northeast elevation

HO-1049_2011-07-20_03
Northwest elevation

HO-1049_2011-07-20_04
Stable, southeast & northeast elevations



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Northeast elevation

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Northwest elevation

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MD SHPO

Stable, southeast + northeast elevations

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